

***IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE***

Applicant: Masaru OKAMOTO  
Title: FUEL CELL SYSTEM  
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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

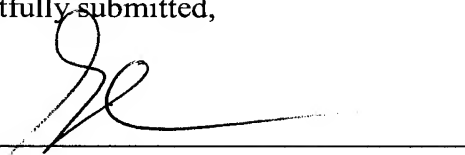
In response to the Office Action dated June 9, 2009, Applicants hereby elect the claims of Group I, claims 1-13, drawn to a fuel cell system, for prosecution in the subject application.

Applicant does not necessarily agree with the statements on page 2 of the Office Action regarding the content of the prior art.

Upon allowance of the elected claims, Applicants will be permitted to request rejoinder in accordance with MPEP 821.04 and *In re Ochiai*, 71 F.3d 1565, 37 USPQ2d 1127 (Fed. Cir. 1995) of the method claim 14.

Receipt of the initial Office Action on the merits is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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